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FOR STATE/AID (ATTENTION AFR/DONALD BROWN)/LABOR

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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. TO ESTABLISH CONTINUING
RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE LABOR

1. DURING PAST FEW WEEKS, AALC REP DONALD KESSLER HAS HAD WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR AND TRADE UNION OFFICIALS IN LOURENCO MARQUES. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, HE HAS BEEN WELL-RECEIVED. KESSLER SAYS THAT THUS FAR LABOR LEADERS HERE HAVE BEEN ONLY EXPOSED TO LITERATURE FROM SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND ARE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE MATERIAL FROMO THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES--PARTICULARLY MATERIAL GIVING EXAMPLES OF FREE TRADE UNION BY-LAWS AND FORMS OF ORGANIZATION. LABOR LEADERS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING AFL-CIO CONGRESS IN SAN FRANCISCO IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER IF USG OR US LABOR UNIONS PAID EXPENSES. (AALC IS BEST CHANNEL FOR INFORMING AFL-CIO OF THIS.) ACCORDING TO KESSLER, AALC DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE FUNDS OF ITS OWN TO FINANCE ABOVE INTERESTS.

2. COMMENT: SINCE SITUATION APPEARS TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. TO INFLUENCE DIRECTION OF LABOR MOVEMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE, WE RECOMMEND STATE/AID/LABOR EXPLORE WITH AALC EXEC DIRECTOR
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PATRICK O'FARRELL WAYS:

(A) TO SUPPLY USEFUL PUBLISHED MATERIAL ON TRADE UNIONS, PREFERABLY IN PORTUGUESE, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LABOR UNIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE BY AALC. KESSLER SAYS AFIL HAS EXCELLENT MATERIALS IN BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE. (NOTE THAT MATERIALS SHOULD NOT MENTION BRAZIL FOR POLITICAL REASONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.)

(B) TO FINANCE ATTENDANCE OF MOZAMBIQUE LABOR LEADERS AT AFL-CIO CONGRESS.

3. FOR AFR, BROWN: YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT OF PHELPS-STOKES FUND, OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

4. COPIES OF KESSLER REPORTS ON MOZAMBIQUE LABOR BEING POUCHED TO STEVEN MCDONALD IN AF/S.
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